

# Oral Roberts Spoof Costs Job, DJ Says

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TULSA (AP) Mark Maxey says his spoof of evangelist Oral Roberts was all in good fun. He plans to donate 10 percent of any profits from his recording to Roberts' missionary scholarship program.

But Maxey, a disc jockey at radio station KTOW when he put together the record, won't be playing it on his own show. He was fired from the station last week, Maxey and station officials said.

The record spoofs Roberts' widely reported claim that God told him that if he fails to raise the money necessary to begin his medical missionary program by March, he will die.



Roberts said God told him in March 1986 that he had one year to raise \$8 million for a scholarship program at Oral Roberts University medical school. On Jan. 4, he told his television audience that he still needed \$4.5 million of the total or God would take his life in March.

Maxey said he was fired because he played the recording, in which he pretends to be "roving reporter Bill Fold" asking Roberts questions.

The recording uses lines from country music records for Roberts' answers.

But station manager Dennis Spence said playing the record was only one of a number of reasons why Maxey was fired.

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"He had been told by supervisors to not play it," Spence said Wednesday. Spence said officials were concerned that the recording's use of copyrighted material from other records might be illegal.

Oral Roberts Ministry officials have mostly ignored other ribs about the evangelist's comments. However, earlier this month, the Oral Roberts University athletic department withdrew \$8,000 in advertising from radio station KRMG, where a disc jockey lampooned Roberts' remarks.

Maxey said he arranged for a record to be pressed and 1,000 copies of the record will be available by Friday in Tulsa. He said he is negotiating with convenience store chains for distribution of his "That's The Way It Is, By God" record.

And he has hopes for the big time.

"I contacted the people at Johnny Carson's show. They said to Federal Express them a copy of the record. Johnny's been digging Oral during his monologue, and they said if they like the record, they might have me on one night next week."

Maxey, of Broken Arrow, said if he makes money with the record, he will donate 10 percent of the profits to Roberts' scholarship fund.

"That's my Christian duty to tithe," he said. BIOG: NAME:

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